MR. C. KUMARA DAS : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The attention of the member is invited to the Travancore Government Gazette (Forest Sheets) dated 22-12-1942, 29-12-1942 and 5-1-1943 wherein the available particulars are published.

(*c*) Yes. The estimated extent will be found in G. O. R, O. C. No. 11774/42/Devpt., dated 24-11-1942, published in the Government Gazette dated 24-11-1942.

MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN : ഈ ചോദ്യത്തിന്റെ മറുപടിയിൽ ഗവണ്മെന്റു ഗസറ്റിൽ പരസ്യം ചെയ്തിട്ടുണ്ടെന്നു പറയുന്നു. ഗസറ്റിൽ പരസ്യം ചെയ്തിട്ടുള്ള ഭൂമികഥമാത്രമേ കൃഷിക്കായിട്ടുള്ളു എന്നാണോ മനസ്സിലാക്കേണ്ടതു് ?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS : A survey is being made and the final area will depend upon the result of the resurvey.

PRESIDENT : Order, order. The Government have now resolved that there should be no delay in the disposal of the applications on account of the survey. They have therefore allowed people to commence operations. The final amount due from them will be ascertained and they will be informed as soon as the survey is completed. In order to avoid delay orders will be passed on that basis.

MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM : May I know why the Government propose to plant these areas?

PRESIDENT : So that they may be taken back to the forests.

MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM : Are they still in the forests?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS : They are within the reserved forests.

PRESIDENT : The idea is that the reserved forests—all the portions that can conveniently be cultivated—should be cultivated.

Lands newly assigned for cultivation.

51. *MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN : Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing

(*a*) the acreage of wet and dry lands newly assigned for cultivation, so that the problem of food materials may be surmounted under conditions of war ;

(*b*) the places from which such lands have been assigned ; and

(*c*) the acreage assigned from each such place ?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS : (*a*) The final figures are not now available as survey and auction of wet and dry lands are in progress.

(*b*) and (*c*) The available particulars are published in the Government Gazette (Forest Sheets) dated 22-12-1942, 29-12-1942 and 5-1-1943. More areas are under survey.

Swampy areas.

52. *MR. K. DOMINIC JOSEPH: Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) what is the total extent of swampy areas that are proposed to be given for cultivation ; and

(*b*) whether they propose to have these swampy areas planted up with trees ?

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MR. C. KUMARA DAS : (*a*) About 4,000 acres.
(*b*) Yes.

Weighing of Motor Vehicles.

53. * MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether there is at present, any arrangement for the weighing of motor vehicles by the Traffic Section of the Police Department ;

(*b*) if so, whether any fee is being levied for that ;

(*c*) if there is any fee, whether it has to be remitted in the treasury or paid direct to the Traffic Inspector ; and

(*d*) whether officers responsible for the weighing of the vehicles are realising now an amount not very insignificant, from owners of motor vehicles on this account without issuing receipts therefor ?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY : (*a*) Yes.
(*b*) No.
(*c*) Does not arise in view of the answer to part (*b*).
(*d*) No.

Inspection of Motor Vehicles.

54. * MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether in the matter of inspection of motor vehicles in the State, the A. S. P. and Traffic Inspectors who conduct the inspection at present are the final authorities ; and

(*b*) if not, who the final authority is ?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY : (*a*) No.

(*b*) Final authority is the Government under Section 33 of the Travancore Motor Vehicles Act, I of 1117.

Coffee plantation in Travancore.

55. * MR. K. DOMINIC JOSEPH : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the extent of coffee plantations in Travancore ;

(*b*) the total quantity of coffee produced in Travancore ;

(*c*) whether sufficient coffee to meet the needs of this country is produced here ; and

(*d*) if not, the quantity of coffee that is imported into Travancore annually ?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS : (*a*) The area under coffee is 5,850 acres.
(*b*) The annual yield is about 17,550 Cwts.
(*c*) No.
(*d*) 8,774 Cwts. of coffee seeds and 346 Cwts. of coffee powder were imported into Travancore in 1116 as against 818 Cwts. of seeds exported.

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